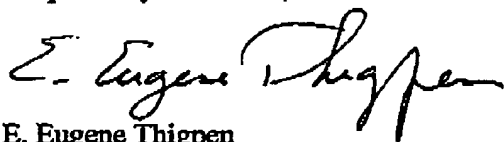


(C) REMARKS

The claims have been amended in view of expediting prosecution of the application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of dependent claim 10. Minor amendments have been made to claims 3, 12 and 21. Claims 2, 4-11, 15-20 and 23-25 have been cancelled.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment will place the application in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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